

Cold Winters in Europe.
In 401 the Black sea was entirely frozen over. In 763 not only the Black sea, but the Straits of Dardanelles, were frozen over; the snow in some places rose fifty feet high. In 822 the great rivers of Europe, the Danube, the Elbe, &c., were so hard frozen as to bear heavy wagons for a month. In 860 the Adriatic was frozen. In 991 everything was frozen, the crops totally failed, and famine and pestilence closed the year. In 1067 most of the travellers in Germany were frozen to death on the roads. In 1134 the Po was frozen from Cremona to the sea; the wine sacks were burst, and the trees split by the action of the frost, with immense noise. In 1239 the Danube was frozen to the bottom, and remained long in that state. In 1316 the crops wholly failed in Germany; wheat, which some years before sold in England at 6s the quarter, rose to £2. In 1208 the crops failed in Scotland, and such a famine ensued that the poor were reduced to feed on grass, and many perished miserably in the fields. The successive winters of 1492-3-4 were uncommonly severe. In 1368 the wine distributed to the soldiers was cut with hatchets. 1683 it was excessively cold. Most of the hollies were killed. Coaches drove along the Thames, the ice of which was eleven inches thick. In 1700 occurred the cold winter; the frost penetrated the earth three yards into the ground. In 1716 booths were erected on the Thames. In 1744 and 1745 the strongest ice in England, exposed to the air, was covered in less than fifteen minutes with ice an eighth of an inch thick. In 1809, and again in 1812, the winters were remarkably cold. In 1814 there was a fair on the frozen Thames.

Register's Office.
REGISTER'S ORDER.
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My stock is the best assorted that I have ever before offered. It surpasses in variety any one house in the State, and at prices that defy competition.
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Time Tables.
PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON AND BALTIMORE RAILROAD.
Delaware Division Time Table.
FALL ARRANGEMENT.
On and after Monday, OCT. 25th, 1875, (Sundays excepted), Trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.		NORTHWARD.	
Passenger, Mixed.	Passenger, Mixed.	P. M. P. M.	P. M. P. M.
7:00 A. M.	Baltimore	12:30 P. M.	12:30 P. M.
8:30 A. M.	Wilmington	2:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.
9:30 A. M.	Philadelphia	3:30 P. M.	3:30 P. M.
10:30 A. M.	State Road	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
11:30 A. M.	State Road	5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.
12:30 P. M.	State Road	6:30 P. M.	6:30 P. M.
1:30 P. M.	State Road	7:30 P. M.	7:30 P. M.
2:30 P. M.	State Road	8:30 P. M.	8:30 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	State Road	9:30 P. M.	9:30 P. M.
4:30 P. M.	State Road	10:30 P. M.	10:30 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	State Road	11:30 P. M.	11:30 P. M.
6:30 P. M.	State Road	12:30 A. M.	12:30 A. M.

ICE PERMITTING.
On and after Monday, Dec. 6, 1875.
P. M. R. R. Capt. S. Johnson.
Will leave Salem, N. J., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 8 a. m. Returning, leave Arch Street Wharf, Philadelphia, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 12 m.
Landing, each way, at
DELAWARE CITY, NEW CASTLE, PENNSBOURNE, MARCUS HOOK, and CHESTER.
Stages for St. Georges, Middletown, and Odessa, Del., Sharpton, Woodson, and Allowaysville, N. J., connect with Steamers.
FREIGHT AT LOW RATES.
All lot goods must be reported to the Captains within three days.
BAY SHORE LINE.
CHANGE OF HOURS.
PORT PENN & COLLINS' BEACH To Philadelphia.
On and after FRIDAY, November 5th, the Steamers **ARIEL** and **LAMOKIN** will make DAILY TRIPS, each way, between Philadelphia and the above places, as follows:

DOWN.
ARIEL from Second Wharf above Race St. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 1:45 p. m. LAMOKIN from Arch Street Wharf, Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a. m.
UP.
ARIEL will leave Collins' Beach Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, about 2:30 p. m. Port Penn at 3 p. m. Reaching the City from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.
LAMOKIN will leave Collins' Beach Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, about 2 p. m. Port Penn at 2:30 p. m. Reaching the City from 7 to 8 p. m.
Fare between Collins' or Port Penn and Philadelphia, 50 cents. Freight on Grain in Bags, 5 cents per bushel. Potatoes in Bags, 6 cents per bushel. Basket Fruit, from Collins', 6 cents; Port Penn, 5 cents.
Other Merchandise carried at Low Rates.
The Ariel, during the remainder of the season, will run on the Bridgeton route, and the Lamokin, as heretofore, to Leipsic.
E. B. TAGGART, Agent.
Phila., Oct. 30, 1875.—dec31

WILMINGTON AND READING RAILROAD.
SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.
ON AND AFTER
Thursday, June 10, 1875.
Trains will run as follows:

Going Northward.		Going Southward.	
No. 3.	No. 1.	No. 4.	No. 2.
4:35 A. M.	Wilmington	10:10 A. M.	8:20 A. M.
5:21 A. M.	Chaddsford	9:24 A. M.	7:34 A. M.
6:30 A. M.	Coatesville	8:25 A. M.	6:43 A. M.
7:32 A. M.	Reading	7:12 A. M.	5:45 A. M.
8:09 A. M.	Reading	6:34 A. M.	4:45 A. M.
8:42 A. M.	Reading	6:00 A. M.	4:15 A. M.

THE JOHN S. IDE
Will leave Pier 10, Light Street Wharf, on and after Tuesday, AUGUST 3, at 8 o'clock A. M. for
SASSAFRAS RIVER,
Touching at all the landings, except Buck Neck. Returning, will leave Georgetown at 2 o'clock P. M. All freight and passengers for SassafRAS River will be received at Pier 10. W. M. CUNIFF, Master.
Aug 24-4f

Miscellaneous.
WHERE TO BUY IN PHILADELPHIA
A Directory arranged for the convenience of our Readers.—Out this Out.
BEAUTIFUL NEW SONG—"No Friendly Voice to Me," by H. P. HARRIS. Sent post-paid for 25 cents, with catalogue for 1876. W. M. H. BOWEN & CO., Music Publishers, 1109 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Nov. 5-4f.

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W. A. HUKILL,
Will continue, as heretofore, to call sales of real and personal property, through the coming winter and spring, for a moderate compensation. Grateful for past favors he solicits a continuation of the public patronage.
November 20-3m.

Periodicals.
THE WEEKLY SUN.
1876. NEW YORK. 1876.
Eighteen hundred and seventy-six is the Centennial year. It is also the year in which an Opposition House of Representatives, the first since the war, will be in power at Washington; and the year of the twenty-third election of a President of the United States. All of these events are sure to be of great interest and importance, especially the two latter; and all of them and everything connected with them will be fully and freshly reported and expounded in THE SUN.
The Opposition House of Representatives, taking up the line of inquiry opened years ago by the Sun, will sternly and diligently investigate the corruption and misdeeds of Grant's administration; and will, it is to be hoped, lay the foundation for a new and better period in our national history. Of all this THE SUN will contain complete and accurate accounts, furnishing its readers with early and trustworthy information upon these absorbing topics.
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